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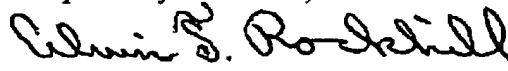
The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-20 are allowable over the teachings of what he has determined to be the closest prior art references. These references include Ender (United States Patent 3,287,291), and Nakamura et al (United States Patent 5,973,067). However, the Examiner has objected to claims 7, and 13-15 on the basis of certain informalities.

The Examiner has indicated that claim 7 is a redundancy of claim 6 and that claim 9 is a redundancy of claim 8. Claims 7 and 9 have accordingly been canceled.

The Examiner has also suggested that in claim 13 "the monomer" should be changed to --the modified silane moiety-- and "wherein X" groups can be the same or different; wherein X" represents a chemical moiety" should be deleted. The Examiner has further suggested that in claim 15 "at least one member selected from the group consisting of R, R' and R" is a hydrogen atom" should be changed to --at least one of R, R' and R" is a hydrogen atom--. Such changes have been made.

It is believed that the amendments made herein overcome the Examiner's objections. Since all of the claims pending in the subject patent application are allowable over the teachings of the closest prior art references, it is believed that the subject patent application is now in a condition for allowance and such an allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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